



Volunteer Opportunities!

- 1. Promoting the refuge and the Friends in the surrounding area by...**
 - a. Staffing a Friends/refuge booth at business expos, fairs, community events, school programs, etc. (This activity also qualifies as refuge volunteer hours.)
 - b. Participating in meetings and activities of the 6 area Chambers of Commerce of which the Friends are members—Princeton, Zimmerman, Elk River, Becker, Big Lake, Monticello
 - c. Networking and representing the Friends and refuge in community activities and organizations in which you participate

- 2. Establishing and maintaining relationships with legislators (Senators, Congress members) and other decision-makers (County Commissioners, town board members, etc.) to advocate for the refuge regarding funding and other legislation or regulations that could affect the refuge by...**
 - a. Inviting decision-makers to refuge and Friends events/tours and hosting those who attend
 - b. Ensuring that decision-makers stay up to date with refuge and Friends news
 - c. Contacting decision-makers to advocate for positions that will benefit refuges and the Refuge System using prepared email messages provided by the National Wildlife Refuge Association

- 3. Using your special skills on behalf of the Friends by...**
 - a. Helping to design newsletters, brochures, flyers, and other publications
 - b. Helping to maintain the Friends website, contributing to the Friends Facebook page, or helping to maintain our Twitter, Instagram, and other social media presence
 - c. Helping to write grant applications to fund Friends projects
 - d. Helping to compose promotional materials, fundraising letters, brochures, and membership materials
 - e. Helping to maintain and support the Friends GiveMN page and MailChimp communications
 - f. Writing articles for the Friends quarterly newsletter

- 4. Serving on the Friends board or on a Friends committee by...**
 - a. Membership Committee: Making reminder calls to Friends who haven't yet renewed their memberships; contacting members as needed during the year
 - b. Eagles' Nest Nature Store: Advising Store Manager about merchandise selection; operating the cash register, marking and stocking merchandise, and doing basic maintenance/cleaning
 - c. Fundraising: Helping to organize, manage, or participate in a fundraising event—for example, wine-tasting event, festival day 5K, soliciting silent auction items—training provided!
 - d. Project Committees: Usually specific, short-term activities—current info available on request
 - e. Friends Board: Becoming a candidate for a 3-year position on the Friends board

- 5. Have other skills to offer? Let us know!**

For more information, contact us at:

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